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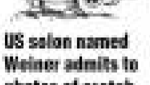


PRISON BREAK

Piatco, port projects among top concerns

SOME MEN on a mission start out on their jobs with pompous promises. Former Sen. Manuel "Mar" Roxas began his simply with a song—a Burt Bacharach oldie about a lover waiting for a plane to bring his sweetheart back to him.

SC stops ₱1-B, 40-ha reclamation project in Boracay



CA orders freeze of Ampatuans' ₱1B banks, firms' assets, houses

US solon named Weiner admits to photos of crotch

WEATHER FORECAST

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It's official: ARMM polls scuttled

IT'S DONE. The Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) elections are effectively postponed.

Baldoz insists fund transfer aboveboard

Meralco rates rise due to higher gen charge











Correction

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WANG-WANGS FOR PACHAN

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P-Noy's naming of pal as envoy to China hit

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'Bosses are the people'

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Lee's experiences cited

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ANNOUNCEMENT

SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

CIRCULAR NO. 2011-003

TO: ALL EMPLOYERS, SELF-EMPLOYED AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERS

SUBJECT: REVISED PAYMENT DEADLINES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND MEMBER LOANS

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The Daily Gospel

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Aquino: Torres returning

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PLDT-Digitel merger OK, Senate finds

Ex-solon files raps against detractors





CA orders freeze of Ampatuans' ₱1B banks, firms' assets

Assets in 32 agencies

Andal's SALN

Feud between Palace factions may quiet down

Less friction

Conflict of interest

Mar accepts top DOTC post



PUTTING OUT THE FIRE

No sacred cows

Relations with Binay

Pasco controversy

DOTC welcomes appointment

Case of Torres

INTRODUCING THE CT200h iPHONE APP

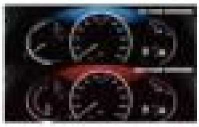


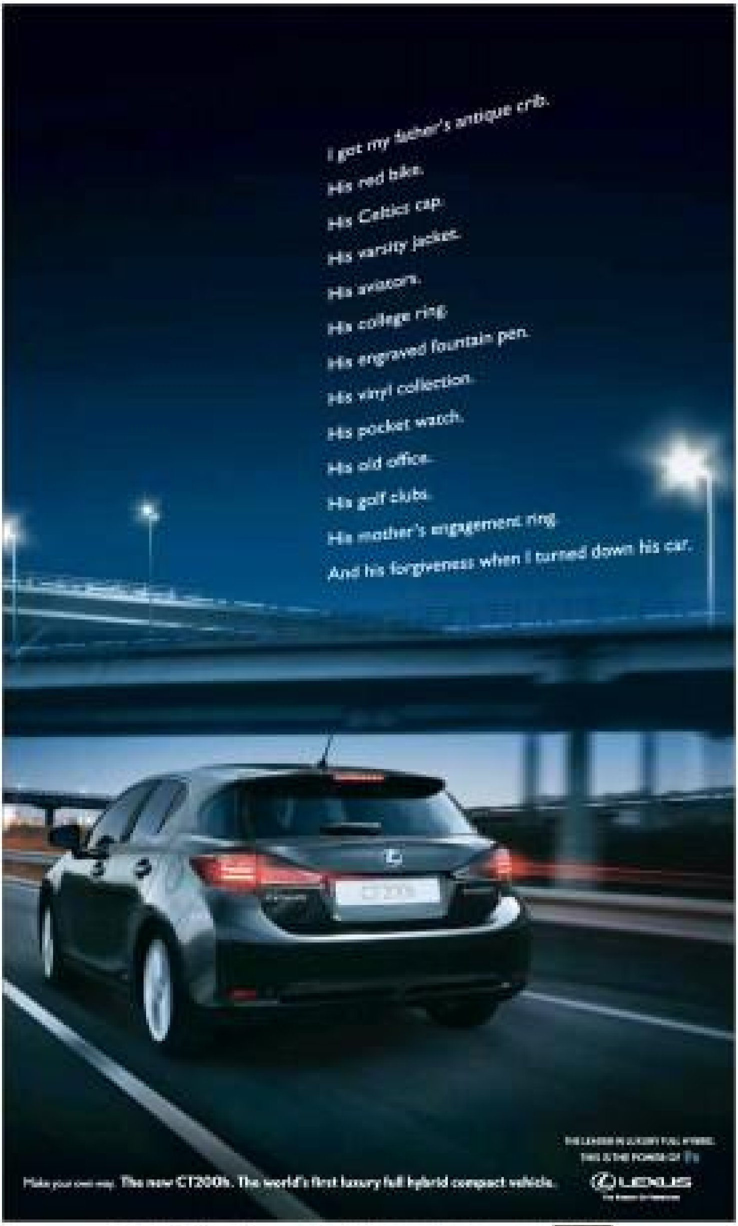
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Int'l group backs farmers' claims of land-grabbing

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SC stops ₱1-B, 40-ha reclamation project

Fragile reefs

Comprehensive study

Like killing the goose

LOCATION MAP OF THE PROPOSED PROTECTIVE RECLAMATION





WHAT WENT BEFORE

No direct impact



Gazmin: China to lose face with incursions

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

CHINA will lose face before the international community if it continues its incursions into Philippine territory and in the disputed Spratly archipelago in the South China Sea, Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin said yesterday.

Gazmin said the international community will hold China to Chinese Defense Minister Liang (Guanglie)'s declaration at the Asia Security forum in Singapore over the weekend that Beijing was all for peace and stability in the region.

He said Liang was very specific in saying that aggression towards other countries was not an option for the Chinese and that they were for a peaceful resolution of the dispute over the Spratlys group.

"Remember, that statement (by Liang) was made last Sunday. This is common (especially) before, so we now have a baseline. So anything that happens from now on is a clear violation of what he said," Gazmin told a news briefing at the defense department yesterday.

"If they do that, they will lose face in the international community. They wouldn't want to do that," he said.

The Spratlys, a chain of islets and atolls in the South China Sea believed to sit above rich oil deposits, is claimed wholly or in part by the Philippines, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan.

China and the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which includes the Philippines, signed a nonbinding accord in 2002 that called on claimants to exercise restraint and stop occupying new areas.

At the annual regional security forum in Singapore, called the "Shangri-La Dialogue" over the weekend, Gazmin and Vietnamese Defense Minister Phung Quang Thanh complained about the harassment from the Chinese military in the Spratlys.

No opportunity

Gazmin said there had been six "alarming" Chinese incursions by China this year in territories claimed by the Philippines. The latest incident occurred while Liang was in the country for an official visit from May 21 to 25.

Gazmin said he did not have the opportunity to bring up the latest incident with Liang during the summit.

"It was hello and goodbye. He was very popular. A lot of people were trying to get a glimpse of him and talk with him," he explained.

Gazmin said he had bilateral talks with his counterparts from Vietnam and Malaysia.

"We are one in resolving the disputes in a very peaceful manner. We have mechanisms that are in place for the resolution of these issues," he said.

"All the countries that I have talked to (said) that there should be peaceful resolution to make this area stable," he added.

The forum was also attended by US Defense Secretary Robert Gates who expressed increasing US concern that clashes could erupt in the South China Sea unless the countries with conflicting territorial claims adopt a mechanism to settle the dispute peacefully.

PCGG goes after firm tied to Tan

THE PRESIDENTIAL Commission on Good Government (PCGG) has asked the Sandiganbayan to allow it to include the Philip Morris Fortune Tobacco Corp. (PMFTC) and its officials as defendants in the ongoing forfeiture case against tycoon Lucio Tan.

Tan's Fortune Tobacco Co. (FTC), which is part of the forfeiture case, earlier merged with Philip Morris to form PMFTC.

The PCGG, represented by the Office of the Solicitor General, said the transfer of Fortune Tobacco's assets to Philip Morris to form the new corporation was aimed at defeating the forfeiture case.

"Such transfer was attended with fraud and constitutes an attempt to effectively remove defendant FTC's and NTRC's (Northern Tobacco Redrying Co. Inc.) assets and place them beyond the plaintiff's and the honorable court's reach," it said.

The PMFTC officials the PCGG also sought to implead are Lucio Tan Jr., Michael Tan, Christopher Nelson, Douglas Werth, Mitchell Cash, Raymond Miranda, Varian Ebon, Vincent Pigaplin, Domingo Chua, Juanita Tan Lee, Rey Ong, Shirley Sorolles, Myra Villa Sanson and Henry Dizon.

The PCGG filed the forfeiture case against Tan in 1987, charging that his companies were part of the ill-gotten wealth of Marcos and his family. [illegible]

Red says Army treats him well

A CAPTURED New People's Army (NPA) commander appears to have it easy in military detention based on Army reports.

Tirso Alcantara, described as the NPA chief in the southern Tagalog region, reportedly gets regular medical checkups, a supply of vitamins and his wish of what food to eat.

The Army said Alcantara gave a taped interview during a "surprise visit" by a military doctor and a public affairs officer to his detention cell at Army headquarters in Fort Bonifacio on Monday.

The National Democratic Front of the Philippines negotiating panel has threatened to postpone peace talks with the government set for this month unless their jailed "consultants" were freed.

Communist chief negotiator Luis Jalandoni claimed Alcantara was in a "very inhumane condition" and was shackled to his bed.

"The claim that I am shackled to my bed is not true. I am not maltreated by my soldier guards here," Alcantara was quoted as saying.

Alcantara said he had no complaints because a doctor regularly checked on him.

"I once complained about the food because it was too salty and I also requested to be given fish instead of chicken. I am glad they heard my request," he also supposedly said.

Dona Z. Pazzibugan


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Neal H. Cruz

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THERE'S THE RUB



Conrado de Quiros

Pakistan's road to China

WORLD VIEW

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Fish parables

PINOY KASI



Michael L. Tan

Mar's appointment as 'win-win'

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

'Did Bonifacio dream in color?'

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

Sangley an alternative site for modern int'l airport

LETTERS

Cheaper mobile phone services a bad thing?



Fukushima disaster: aftereffect could be worse than Chernobyl's

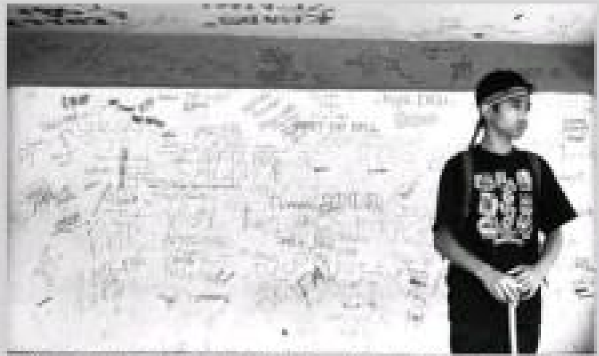
SSS count of 10 days longer than 3 months

need a job?

Across the NATION

Ex-mayor faces raps over 'hot' logs

FORMER Rodriguez, Rizal, Mayor Pedro Cuerpo is facing criminal charges for failure to secure a Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) permit to use illegally cut lumber worth P9 million for school armchairs.



School a long walk for Cordillera kids

Contempt rap on massacre case tagged freedom threat

Mining blast kills Chinese, Filipino worker

Another puffer fish tragedy: 2 dead, 10 sick

The poison found in puffer fish is tetrodotoxin. This is one of the deadliest poisons found in nature ...

Lucena mayoral row deepens as incumbent refuses to yield seat



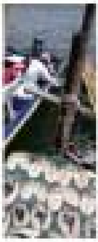
TALAGA

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

‘Who killed the milkfish?’

Pangasinan residents are wondering that despite the laws that penalize violators, no one has been punished





Avoiding fishkill

Helpless

Neap tide

Moratorium

How not to advocate autonomy



COMMUNICATION is key to drawing public interest in the Cordillera's third autonomy try.

The goal

Tired, old arguments



CONRADO Balweg

10 gangs hold key to the good life in prison



"KUBOL" SYSTEM

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Unacceptable

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VIP amenities

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Operational nightmare

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Entrenched gang system

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US solon named Weiner admits

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FALL OF RISING POLITICAL STAR

More lewd photos

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Singular spectacle

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Apology to wife

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Ordeal begins

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In grave danger

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He misled

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Pacman-Mosley PPV chart buster



NLEX, Max Bond gain Final Four



Castillo strikes back with two doubles titles

Laylo 2 draws from victory

Keeps foreign big guns at bay

By Roy Luarca



OUT FOR REDEMPTION

Mikee clinches PNSA presidency

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

SBP allays fears of player exodus to PBA

By June Navarro

Floirendo wins, pads GT lead



VINCENT Floirendo

Guam MMA firm links up with San Mig



VERA

World Slasher Cup semis on today

SPORTSWATCH

PCC 3-cock derby set Friday

CEBU REMATCH

Ruiz vows KO vs 'Boom Boom'

By Ronnie Nathanielsz



RUIZ: I'm ready



No looking back

Up 2-1, Heat ditch memories of Game 2 collapse

MIAMI guard Dwyane Wade (left) glides to the basket against Dallas teammates Dirk Nowitzki (middle) and Jason Kidd. AP

DALLAS—A chance for another NBA championship ahead of him, Dwyane Wade refused to look back.

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Meralco struggling with key injuries



POWER OUTAGE: Out for Meralco [illegible]

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HEAD TENNIS
Coyiuto, Eala rule

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SAMANTHA Mae Coyiuto fires a backhand return.

Little Razcals headline MJC tourney field

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Ex-Bulls standout to open NBA 3-on-3 Manila tournament

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Cebu hosts Baseball PH 8

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KOTR offers free race slots

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Sri Lanka confident of beating Azkals



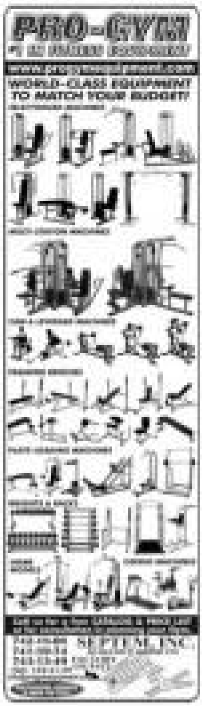
Tough tuneup matches for nat'l booters

Smart Olympic squad off to Korea

PH boxers step up preparation

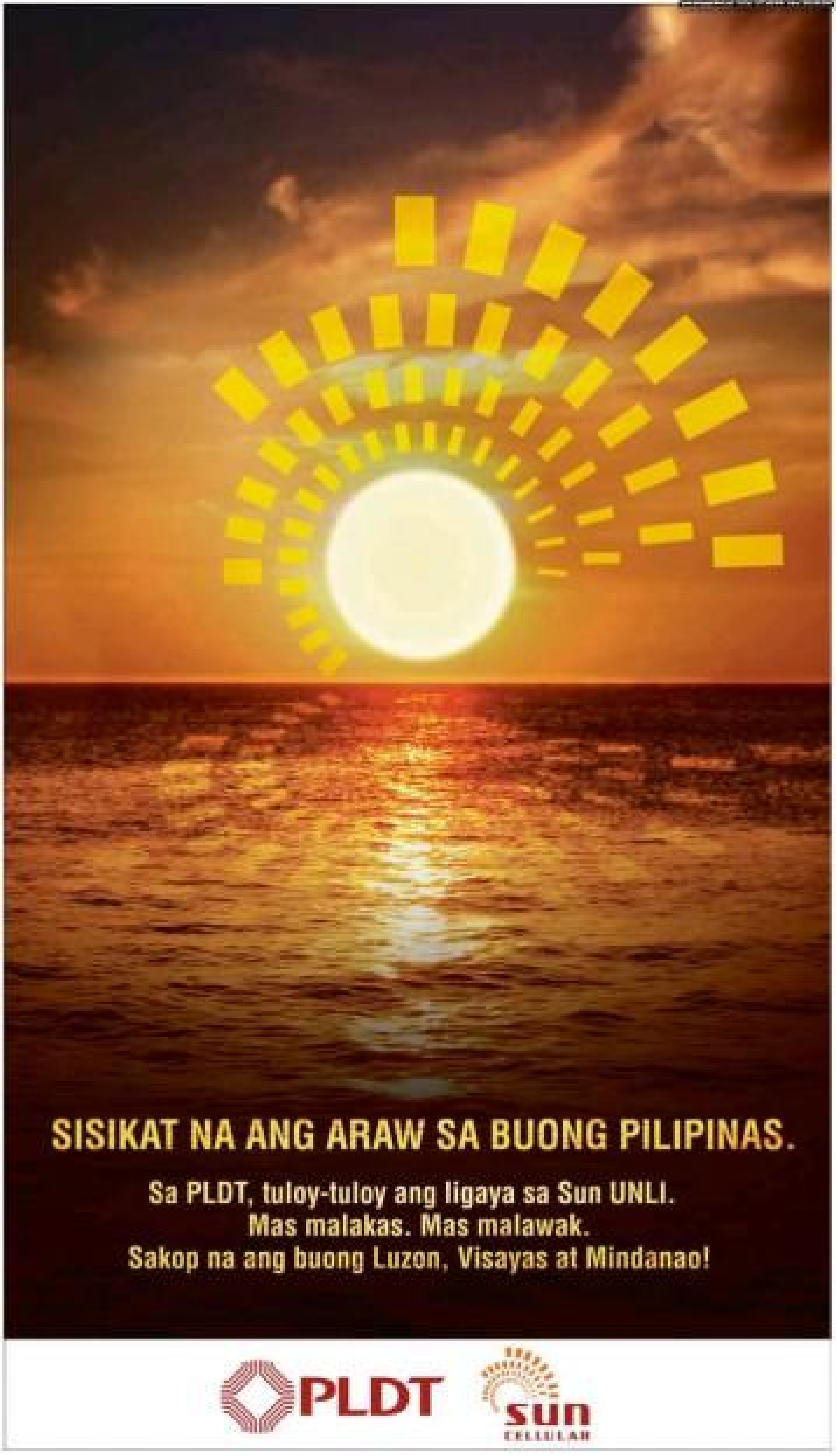


Samsung interschool tilt begins



Friendship golf set next week

UFL stars steal thunder from Azkals


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CELLULAR

Aplus METRO

Condo owners hit SC ruling

THE HEAD of the homeowners' association of West Tower residents yesterday said that he and the other members were not in favor of the Supreme Court decision ordering the reopening of the First Philippine Industrial Corp. (FPIC) pipeline.

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LOOK MA, NO CHAIRS

Pilapil attends probe; 3 suspects a no-show



ACTRESS Pilar Pilapil shows up at the Antipolo City Hall of Justice.

Be vigilant, watchful, Metro police chief tells dentists

Police hunt down 3 cab operators

By Nancy C. Carvajal



OVERLOADED

A tricycle packed with students makes its way through a street in Manila.

Psychologist answers libel, child abuse raps

METROBRIEFS

'Manila residents free to decide on RH bill'

Trike driver killed, 2 hurt in shooting in QC

South African tourist robbed in Manila

Pedicab driver stabbed dead

Centrists to conduct seminar

The WORLD

Editor Lawrence B. Bueno

WORLDBRIEFS

China floods

Second UN term

Yemen clashes

Drone strikes

Source of Europe's killer bacteria remains unknown

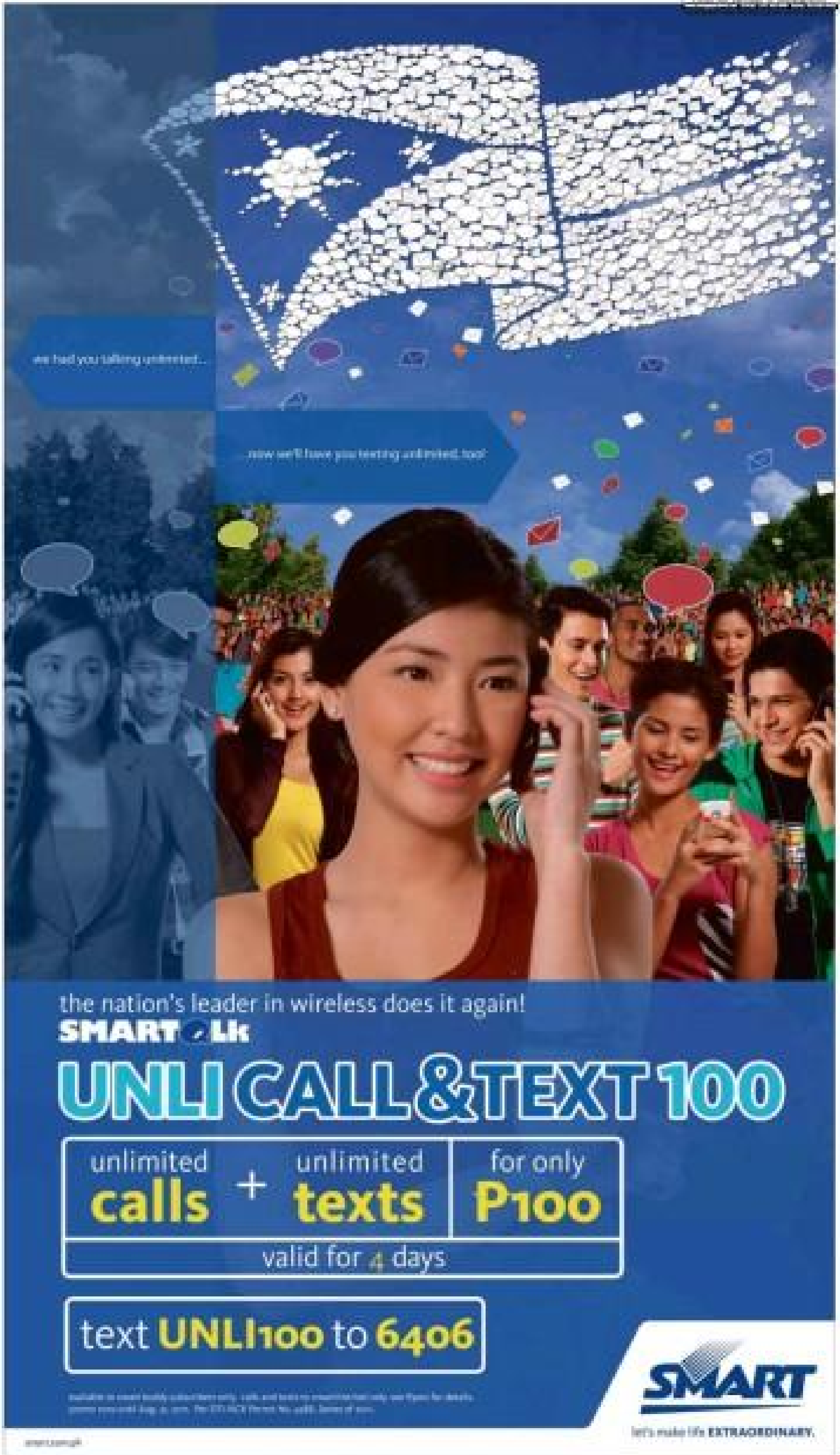
HAMBURG—First they pointed a finger at Spanish cucumbers. Then they cast suspicion on sprouts from Germany. Now German officials appear dumbfounded as to the source of the deadliest E. coli outbreak in modern history, and one US expert has called the investigation a "disaster."

120 Syrian troops killed in clashes



NEW York hotel workers jeer Dominique Strauss-Kahn as he arrives at the Manhattan Criminal Courts building for his arraignment on charges of sexually assaulting a hotel maid. AP

NY hotel maid to take witness stand


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BUSINESS

Inflation up in May as pressure seen to mount

4.5% figure well within central bank's target range

HEADLINE INFLATION rose to 4.5 percent in May, from 4.3 percent in the same month last year, fueling speculation that the rate of rise in consumer prices could even be faster in the months ahead.

INFLATION B5

INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

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STOCK MARKET

22.45



Stocks drop on US concerns

FX reserves hit a record $68.8B last month

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Biz Buzz
By the staff

Purisima's big day

'Not in business'

SMC once more, with feelings

Happy middleman

Alpha Insurance & Surety Company, Inc.

DOTC resignations won't affect PPP, says exec

By Abigail L. Ho

Inflation up in May as pressure seen to mount

Stocks drop on US concerns



PLDT SME Nation's CheckOut Summer Biz Bazaar

Web-based Point-of-sales (POS) solution launched in CEBU

CheckOut Biz Bazaar Exhibitors:



Cebu's leading business owners were treated to "Summer Biz Bazaar", an evening of games and entertainment at the Cebu Grand Convention Center, to introduce CheckOut, PLDT's point-of-sales (POS) solution. CheckOut is a web-based POS solution that can be accessed anywhere, offering real time sales management.

PLDT SME Nation executives led by PLDT VP and SME Head Kat Luna- Abelarde aimed to show SMEs how they can benefit from the CheckOut POS System. "Businesses need instant sales analytics and monitoring, yet are faced with heavy costs of hardware and software. With CheckOut, we offer an affordable web-based POS system that can be accessed anywhere," says Abelarde.

Hosted by Gabe Mercado together with Cebu's own Bam Maynard, the event was designed to create fun and camaraderie among the guests, composed of Cebu's leading business owners. Mercado's comedy group 'Spit' opened the program with a short skit, signaling the evening's agenda of mixing business with laughter.

The launch theme, "Simplify with PLDT's CheckOut", was highlighted by the dynamic on-site use of the product through a friendly sales competition. The CheckOut Summer Biz Bazaar featured the participating merchants, mostly food and lifestyle retailers from Cebu, playing games in an exciting bid to rack up the highest sales within 90 minutes. Business owners enjoyed making sales pitches to the audience and taking turns on short interviews with the hosts. PLDT SME Nation awarded cash prizes for the top-selling exhibitors during the event.

Topping the list is Silverworks, winning P30,000 for selling a total of P20,200 worth of [illegible], bags and tumblers. Coming in at second place, with a P 20,000 cash prize is Stitches and Wear who sold P13,550 worth of clothing items. At third place is Heldred Export International who won P10,000 cash prize for selling P11,810 worth of bags and fashion accessories. Special awards were given to Ben's Lechon and [illegible] for being the two most popular products during the CheckOut event.

PLDT CheckOut

Real-time sales info for the entrepreneur on-the-go

CheckOut presents a solution for small enterprises or start up businesses that need an affordable POS system that allows them to access critical information in real-time.

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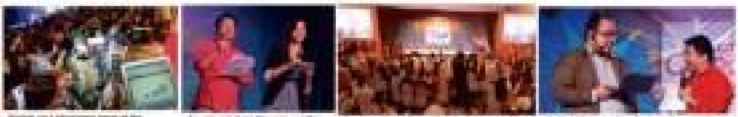
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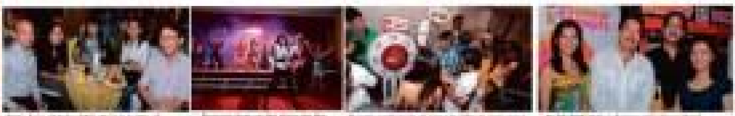
☑ **Convenience.** Track your different stores' sales transactions and inventory movement as they happen while monitoring and managing your business anywhere and anytime.



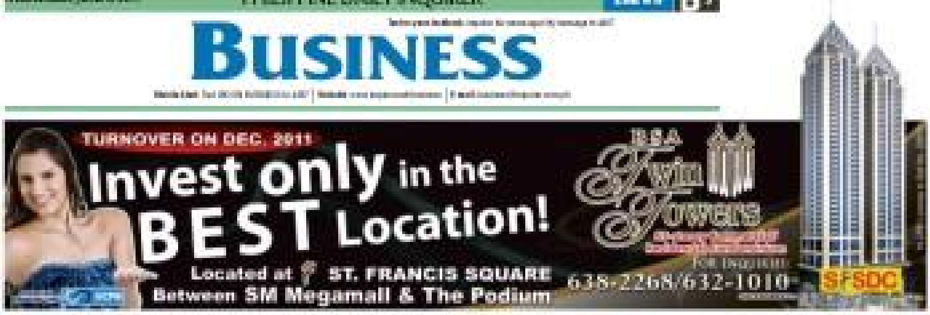








BUSINESS



Gov't urged to adopt SG bilateral open skies model

By Daxim L. Lucas

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Increased gov't spending seen to boost GDP growth

FMIC-UA&P says Q2 inflation likely at 4.5-4.7%

By Doris C. Dumlao

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San Miguel to sign major overseas acquisition deal

By Doris C. Dumlao



SMC president and COO Ramon S. Ang and chair and CEO Eduardo M. Cojuangco Jr. at the company's stockholders' meeting yesterday.

7-yr treasury bond yield up to 5.9%

By Ronnel W. Domingo

Philippine Stock Exchange

Currencies



Tourism plan seen completed this month

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Chinese firms urged to locate BPO functions in Philippines

By Abigail L. Ho

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Deutsche Bank gets . . .

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CENTRAL PANGASINAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
San Carlos City, Pangasinan

INVITATION TO BID

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BUSINESS

PLDT bucks Globe's demand for frequencies

Telco giant says Ayala unit's call simply 'madness'

Deutsche Bank gets expanded banking license

Business



Metro Manila on top of BPO world, expert says

Sector employs 500,000 workers, more to be added

Power consumers worse off, says Bayan



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Why our neighbors are richer than us

MONEY MATTERS



Randell Tiongson

BOI seeks compromise on mass housing perks

DOF urged to OK cut in value of entitled projects

Power consumers worse off, says Bayan

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT (AEP)

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Republic of the Philippines

Municipality of Alcala

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OBITUARIES

"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." – Ecclesiastes 3:11

Our beloved and devoted

"INANG" AGRIPINA CRUZ LAMPAS

has peacefully returned to the Almighty Creator and joined our Papa on June 6, 2011 at the age of 98.

Inang has lived a full life with her husband Hermenegildo, Sr. (+); children [illegible]

Her remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz Sucat, Inc., inside Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque City until her interment on June 12, 2011 (Sunday) at 9:00 a.m., Manila Memorial Park.

Preciosa Irma Pineda Florentin

(First Nutrition Graduate of the Philippines)

*Has reunited with her beloved husband, **Dr. Angel A. Florentin**, as she returned to our Creator on June 5, 2011 at the age of 95.*

Her siblings,
Justice Flerida Ruth P. Romero and **Ambassador Ernesto C. Pineda** (†)

Her children and their spouses,
Nayda & Ed, Angel & Chona, Sonny & Pam, Arthur & Rose, Cherry & Jojo, Alma, Albert & Ging

And her grandchildren,
Larisa & Neo, Jay & Ellen, Angel, Angel III, Alan, RJ, JJ, Joey, Trish, Paulo, Noelle, Connie, Jollina, April, Andrea, and **Louisa**

request your prayers for the passing of a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend.

Her body lies in state at 2nd Flr., Angel Florentin Memorial Hall at National City United Church, 96 Times Street, West Triangle, Quezon City (near EDSA cor. Quezon Avenue).

Memorial Services to be held on June 7-9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Cremation on June 10, 2011 after the Necrological Service at 9:00 a.m.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."
– Psalm 23:4

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
(2 Timothy 4:7)

OBITUARIES

TYRONE PE CHUA

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MOTORING



Insurance for the unexpected



By Tina Dumlao

MEMORIES of tropical storm "Ondoy" that devastated Metro Manila and surrounding provinces in September 2009 still cause the motor insurance industry to wince in pain.

After all, Ondoy is considered the costliest natural disaster to hit the Philippines since the 1991 eruption of Mt. Pinatubo and the single most expensive insurance event charged to the local insurance industry's books.

The estimated damage of Ondoy that killed close to 400 people and displaced 4.1 million others is as high as P11 billion, including extensive damage to motor vehicles.

According to Lilia [illegible] Castillo, first vice president, motor and special lines division of Pioneer Insurance, Ondoy was "the most expensive learning experience for the motor insurance industry."

"All stakeholders—policyholders, underwriters, motor dealer shops, car manufacturers, government—were caught unawares by the magnitude and extent of the loss sustained by thousands of motor vehicles, plus the work to be done in the adjustment and settlement of the flood claims," Castillo told the Inquirer.

And the level of insurance claims would have been even higher had all motor vehicle owners had insurance policies that covered so-called Acts of God or Acts of Nature, referring to natural calamities such as earthquakes, typhoons and storms.

As many car owners discovered to their horror when they brought their waterlogged cars in for repairs, their comprehensive insurance policies were not as comprehensive as they would have liked, as these did not include damage due to Acts of God.

Thus, with the rainy season coming and with it the possibility of another Ondoy, motorists would do well to check the fine print of their comprehensive insurance policies to make sure that they cover Acts of God or Acts of Nature.

It is by no means automatic.

According to Celestino Ang, senior vice president of Prudential Guarantee and Assurance Inc., comprehensive insurance mainly covers for loss—in case the vehicle is stolen—and damage, when the car is involved in a collision.

Acts of God coverage, on the other hand, requires an extra premium equivalent to a maximum of 1 percent of the value of the vehicle.

So for a vehicle worth P1 million, which [illegible] most vehicles owned by middle-income earners, Acts of God coverage will mean an extra P10,000 premium. For a luxury vehicle worth P5 million, Acts of Nature premium will cost P50,000.

The extra premium is really quite pricey, which is why before Ondoy happened, Acts of God coverage sales were insignificant. But it's a totally different story after Ondoy hit when many vehicle owners hit by Ondoy had no choice but to either declare a total loss on their vehicle or shoulder the repairs themselves.

Ang estimated that for PGA, insurance claims following Ondoy reached P270 million, the single biggest payout in its history. Still, it had to deal with numerous irate car owners whose claims for repairs were turned out because their insurance policies did not cover Acts of God.

"A lot of car owners were of course angry. We just had to explain that their policies did not cover Acts of God. The problem is that our awareness of insurance is not very high and people try to save as much as premiums as possible," Ang said.

Ondoy, however, changed the insurance picture dramatically. "These days, car owners see the value of buying Acts of God insurance, which provides for insured the fair market value of the car at the time of loss.

"After Ondoy, people became more aware of the need for insurance. In our case, there was a significant increase in the level of purchases of Acts of God coverage because people saw what happened during Ondoy," Ang said.

"Following the flood-loss claims brought by typhoon Ondoy in 2009, we have continued to sell Acts of Nature (AON) cover to our clients, albeit, doing the selling prudently especially in the assessment and acceptance of accounts," added Castillo.

Buyers need to be understandably wary of the products such as Acts of God coverage that insurance companies are pitching. But it does come in handy when the time comes.

"Of course we recommend to our insured to buy everything that is available, but then they say that we are just forcing them to buy. But insurance is for covering the unexpected, like Ondoy," Ang said.





K-popped with the Sonata





CASH BACK FROM MITSUBISHI

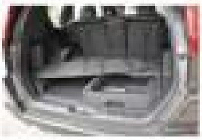
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Text and photos by Kenneth del Rosario



MARC Tagle, EVP-GM of Philippine Allied Enterprises Corp., presents the new Potenza tires to local media.

Events

THE Toyota Racing School supervising the road test/press preview of the new Potenza tires at Clark Speedway.



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MOTORING

How to apply 'CPR' to your troubled car





CONNECT the cables in proper order







Redefining 'Cruising in Style'



The Arrival

Cruise under the stars

The BMW 6 Series Coupe at a glance





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The Right to Drive



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Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

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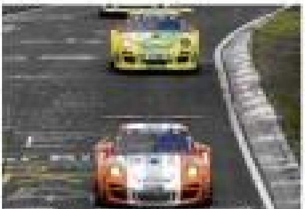
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The Right to Drive

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Porsche 911 GT3 R Hybrid ready for Nurburgring mission



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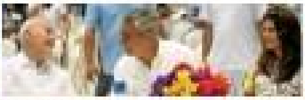
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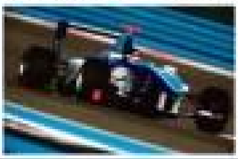
Premiere ballet company holds ballet classes for public-school kids

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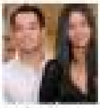
Ayala Malls honors overseas Filipinos with the VIPinoy Program













AYALA Malls' VIPinoy lounge in Glorietta 5

LIFESTYLE Parenting

What I'm learning from my teenager



THE AUTHOR with sons Mark and Joshua

MOMSPEAK

Knocking off his breathing tube

> I am always amazed at how he treats problems as challenges, and luxuries as bonuses in life… I may get angry at times, but it's more worry than real anger

First you find her, then you train her

Continuing the author's 'yaya' chronicles, she shares tips on how to hire and gauge a 'yaya's' experience and her character. Age is an important factor

Agency

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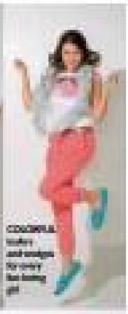
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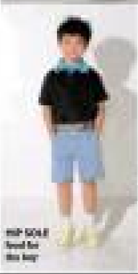
Age is a factor

Part-time option

Comfy, functional footwear for all











What I'm learning from my teenager

Responsibility





Taking kids' pictures is child's play

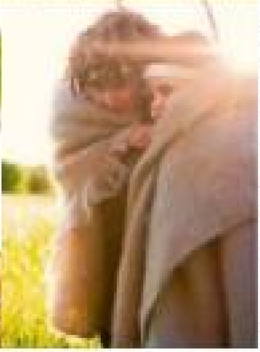


Want your little one's face on a picture, a calendar, even a mural? Kristin Rodriguez likes to captures their spontaneity and innocence









Promos for Father's Day

Otsuka Philippines Pharmaceutical, Inc. Held its Annual Stockholders' Meeting





WHAT'S UP

Seminar on how to throw a kiddie party

THE SPEDI by Rockwell invites the whole family to get tips and ideas on how to throw the best birthday bash at "How to Plan a Kiddie Party Fair," to be held at The Grove by Rockwell on June 11, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. To pre-register, visit www.rockwell.com.ph.

PEN teaching workshop

The Philippine Center of International PEN (Poets, Playwrights, Essayists, Novelists) will hold "For Love of the Word: Workshops on Teaching Philippine Literature in High School and College" on June 9, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the University of Cebu's Audio-Visual Room, UC-Banilad Campus, Cebu City. PEN authors Marjorie Evasco (also Metrobank Outstanding Teacher awardee) and Anthony Tan will serve as the facilitators. Call 5258878 or 0917-5087493, e-mail philippinepen@yahoo.com, visit http://philippinepen.ws.

Disabled need more hospitable services

THE CONSUMER

Linda B. Bolido

SOME WELL-MEANING friends have forwarded an e-mail containing what is supposed to be a warning from the Ministry of Health of the United Kingdom warning about the health hazards of the energy-saving compact fluorescent lamp (CFL).

Citing the British health ministry as a source gave the warning authenticity and no doubt many people were duly alarmed, taking the message at face value. I decided to check on the veracity of the warning (www.hoax-slayer.com/mercury-health-warning-energy-saving-bulbs.shtml) and found that the UK actually has no longer a ministry of health. It has been replaced by the Department of Health.

Hoax Slayer says "CFL do contain mercury and caution is required when dealing with a broken bulb. However, this warning is overblown and tends to exaggerate the potential risk posed by broken CFLs." While the message has some merit as a warning on CFL issues, "the cleanup procedure outlined in the message is poorly worded and does not include all the steps recommended by health authorities," the website adds.

"Furthermore, the possible dangers associated with CFLs are more likely to be handled by UK entities other than the Department of Health, most notably the Health Protection Agency (HPA) and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)," the Hoax Slayer says.

Better bookmark the Hoax Slayer website so you can check the veracity of information like this.

Can't dance, can't enter

A reader (Jose...) wrote to complain that Opus Bar at Resorts World refused him entry.

Although management would not say publicly the reason he was barred, he suspected it was because he was on a wheelchair. Apparently the management of the establishment has not heard that in some places they even allow wheelchair-bound people on the dance floor without causing any injuries, serious or even minor, to other patrons.

And this guy was not even planning to do the John Travolta performance in "Saturday Night Fever" or Tom Cruise's in "Risky Business."

He just wanted to spend time with his friends at their table, probably just going to do some seat-dancing occasionally. But perhaps that's the problem. Opus did not make its establishment "friendly" to persons with disabilities (PWD).

Can't fly, either

Cinderella Avelgarde-Valdevez said, when they booked a flight to Hong Kong with Tiger Airways, they learned that a companion's wheelchair had to be checked in but it was free of charge. However, a call center agent informed her if the passenger required a wheelchair to board the aircraft, they would have to pay "an assistance fee of [illegible]."

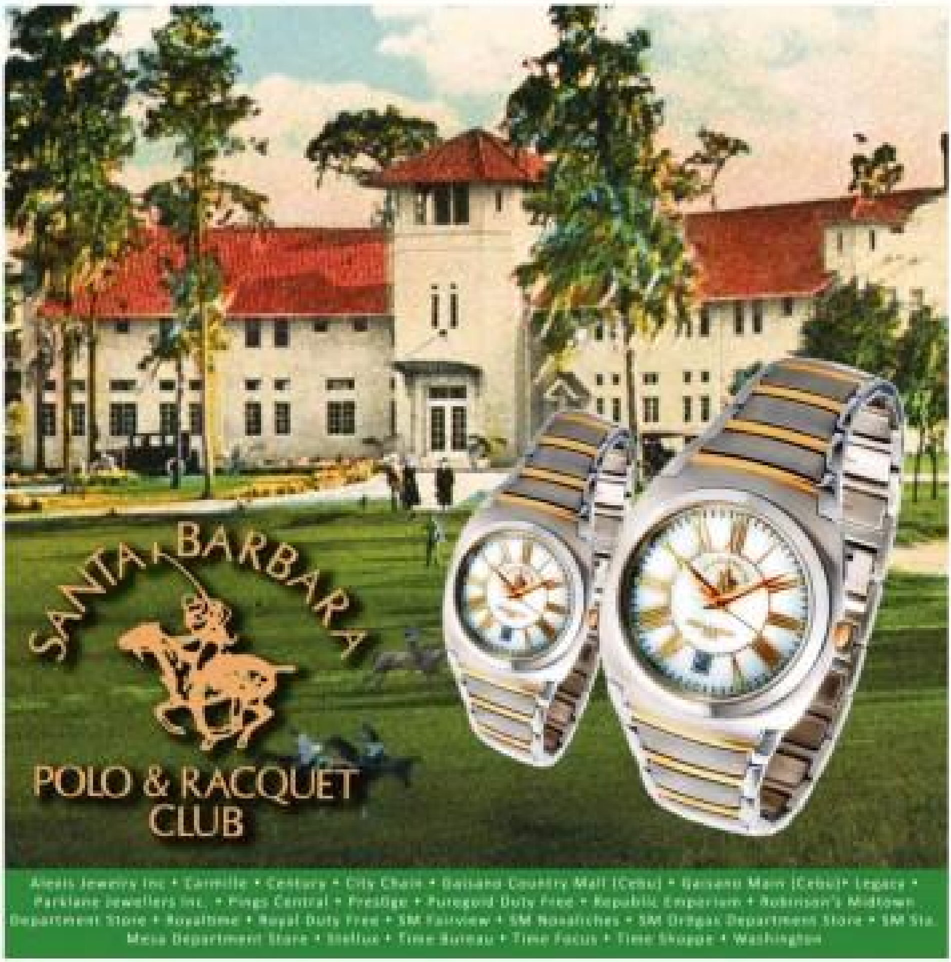
Valdevez said, "I refuse to pay for service that should be rendered free, because it is an inherent right of the disabled passenger to be assisted in (gaining) access to aircraft."

If the airline would require the differently abled passenger to check in his/her wheelchair, she said the company should provide a substitute at no cost.

Worse, she said the call-center agent would not even give her last name, could not give a reasonable explanation for the policy and would not even refer her to somebody in authority who would be able to answer her questions. Although the agent said she would pass on her complaint to management, Valdevez said she did not get any acknowledgement, like a reference number, to indicate it was duly noted and accepted.

She said PWDs had a right to proper access to all places, including aircraft. They should not be charged "for assistance that should be free to them."

Send letters to the Consumer, Lifestyle Section, Philippine Daily Inquirer, 1098 Chino Roces Ave. cor. Mascardo and Yague Sts., 1204 Makati City; fax 8974793/94; or e-mail lbolido@inquirer.com.ph.



ENTERTAINMENT





Karylle recounts healing process

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More open

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Star Cinema floored by H'wood listing

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JAKE Cuenca, Angel Locsin and Aga Muhlach, stars of "In The Name of Love"

Top 10 films at the US box office



	Title	Gross	Wk.
1	X-Men: First Class	$56.0 million	(1)
2	The Hangover Part II	$32.4 million	(2)
3	Kung Fu Panda 2	$24.3 million	(2)
4	Pirates of the Caribbean	$18.0 million	(3)
5	Bridesmaids	$12.1 million	(4)
6	Thor	$4.2 million	(5)
7	Fast Five	$3.2 million	(6)
8	Midnight in Paris	$2.9 million	(3)
9	Jumping the Broom	[illegible]	[illegible]
10	Something Borrowed	[illegible]	[illegible]

Star Cinema floored

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An AP story dated May 19 put the Olivia Lamasan drama in the 35th slot among movies that hit the international box-office race that weekend. According to the report, "In the Name of Love" grossed $2,517, 441 in 87 locations around the world, including North America.

The top five in the report, written by Paul Dergarabedian, were Hollywood films "Fast (and Furious) 5," "Thor," "Priest," "Rio" and "Water for Elephants." The list was compiled by Rentrak Theatrical and first released by Hollywood.com. Dergarabedian is president of the Box-Office Division of Hollywood.com and is a longtime box-office analyst for AP.

Lapuigan is actually perplexed, because the Lamasan drama, which premiered in Manila on May 11, started its international screening only last weekend in key areas in the United States, Canada and the Middle East, and only on weekends.

"In the Name of Love" is the love story of a dance coach (Aga Muhlach) and his student (Angel Locsin), who is about to marry a politician's son (Jake Cuenca).

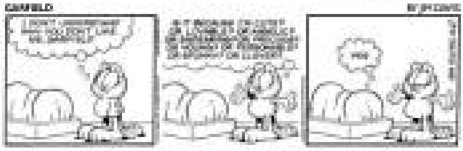
Lapuigan said Rentrak could be "just a new group." Otherwise, he said, Star Cinema films like Chito Roño's "Sukob," Cathy Garcia-Molina's "You Changed My Life," and Mae Cruz's "Catch Me I'm In Love," all of which had broken box-office records as well, would have been listed in their respective periods of release.

(A quick search on the Net revealed that Rentrak is a media measurement services provider, among other things. Its International Box Office Essentials brand "provides clients with box-office information for 26 countries. The data is collected through an electronic connection with thousands of theater box offices," according to rentrak.com.)

"In any case, this means a lot to us," said Lapuigan. "It's an indication that we're at par with Hollywood films when it comes to overseas selling."

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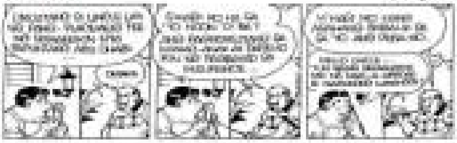
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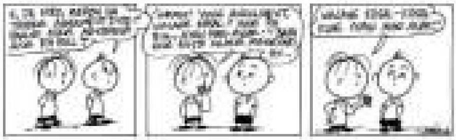
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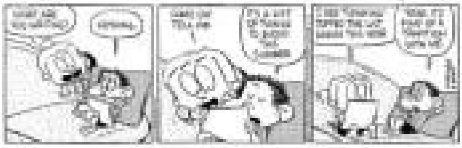
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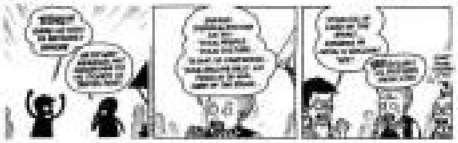


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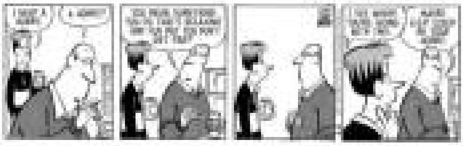
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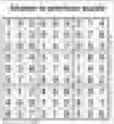
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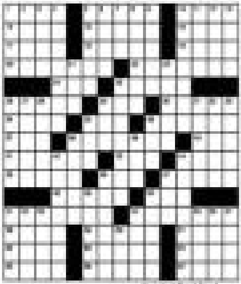
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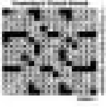


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ROBERT Pattinson at the 2011 MTV Movie Awards in Los Angeles, June 5. AP

Opening This Week



BRADLEY Cooper, Ed Helms and Zach Galifianakis.

Hangover Part II

Directed by Todd Phillips; stars Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Ken Jeong, Jeffrey Tambor, Justin Bartha, Mike Tyson

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Super 8

Directed by J.J. Abrams; stars Kyle Chandler, Elle Fanning, Joel Courtney, Noah Emmerich, Ron Eldard, Zach Mills, Jessica Tuck.

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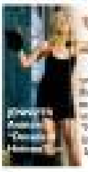


KYLE Chandler

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Dirty-mouthed elder...

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Third straight year

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Dirty-mouthed elder at Guys Choice Awards





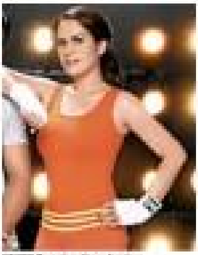
Team Edward Show



Prima donna demands finale spot

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Playboy strikes anew

Sweet revenge

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